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SITTINGBOURNE AND MILTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Health Department,
Council Offices,
Central Avenue,
Sittingbourne, Kent.

September, 1970.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit the Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary Circumstances of the Urban District for 1969.

The Registrar-General's estimate of the population for 1969 was 30,820, being an increase of 910 on the previous Year.

There were 615 Live Births and 343 Deaths of which 255 were residents of the Urban District.

The corrected Birth Rate, 23.9, and Death Rate, 10.8, are to be compared with England and Wales which were 16.3 and 11.9.

The principal causes of Death were as usual associated with cardio-vascular disease and diseases of the chest, including malignant disease of lung and bronchus steadily increasing.

There were 8 Infant Deaths, 5 of which occurred in the first week of life and associated with prematurity and congenital defects.

The incidence of infectious disease was low, measles accounted for 45 of the 51 notifications. There was the single case of Pulmonary Tuberculosis and this is the lowest incidence for the past 30 Years.

The paper sack system of refuse collection is steadily increasing and approximately 40% of the houses in the Urban District have this form of container.

It is to be regretted that during the Year there has been little abatement in the obnoxious smells, but as I reported last Year the eradication will require time and heavy expenditure.

The work carried out by the Public Health Inspectors keeps increasing each Year and I must express my thanks to Mr. Leslie, your Chief Public Health Inspector, and the other Officers of the Department for the efficient, tactful manner in which their duties are performed.

I wish to thank the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee for their courtesy and interest in public health matters.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

JOHN T. MURPHY

Medical Officer of Health.

SECTION I

SOCIAL CONDITIONS

1. Climatology

The rainfall recorded in the Urban District was 29.11 inches, as compared with 35.26 inches recorded in 1968.

The heaviest rainfall, as recorded at the Highsted Waterworks, was 3.24 inches on 6th July.

The wettest month was November when the rainfall recorded at Highsted Waterworks was 5.34 inches.

Fog occurred on 25 occasions as compared with 27 occasions in the previous Year.

During the Year, there were 15 falls of Snow locally (9 in February; 2 in November and 4 in December).

Temperatures dropped below freezing point on 47 occasions (4 in January; 16 in February; 9 in March; 3 in April; 6 in November and 9 in December) as compared with 54 occasions in the previous Year.

The hottest day of the Year was the 11th August when a temperature of 95°F. was recorded.

The coldest day of the Year was the 8th February when a temperature of 18°F. was recorded.

Monthly rainfall readings recorded at Highsted Waterworks over the past six Years as shown in Appendix "A", and Appendix "B" shows the monthly maximum and minimum temperatures recorded at Johnson House Gardens for the Years 1966, 1967, 1968 and 1969.

2. Areas in Acres

Land and Inland Water 4,935

No change.

3. Population

The estimated mid-Year population for 1969, as given by the Registrar-General, was 30,820, an increase of 910 against the mid-Year population for 1968.

The Census figure taken in April, 1961, was 23,616.

4. Number of Inhabited Houses

The number of inhabited houses at the end of 1969 was 10,000.

5. Rateable Value

The rateable value at 31st December, 1969 was £1,480,688 as compared with £1,444,326 at the end of 1968.

6. Sum Representing Penny Rate

The sum representing a penny rate in 1969 was £6,110 as compared with £5,840 in 1968.

SECTION II

VITAL STATISTICS

1. Births

The number of Births registered during 1969 was 640, as compared with 618 in the previous Year.

The number of Births each Year for the period from 1945 to 1969 inclusive will be seen upon reference to the details contained in Table III.

(a) Live Births

	Males	Females	Totals
Legitimate	332 (300)	283 (285)	615 (585) *
Illegitimate	11 (12)	14 (21)	25 (33)
Totals	343 (312)	297 (306)	640 (618)

The percentage of illegitimate births was 3.9% as against 5.3% in 1968.

(b) Birth Rate

The crude birth rate per 1,000 of the population was 20.8 in 1969 as against 20.7 in 1968. Figures for the Years from 1945 to date will be seen upon reference to the details contained in Table III.

The corrected birth rate is 23.9 as compared with 16.3 per thousand for England and Wales as a whole.

(c) Still-Births

Five still-births occurred during the Year. This compares with 7 in 1968.

The percentage of still-births to live births for the Year was 0.7% as against 1.1% in 1968.

There were no illegitimate still-births during the Year.

Footnote:- * Figures in brackets relate to the preceding Year.

2. Deaths

(a) The number of deaths occurring in and assignable to the Urban District during 1969 was 343. This figure represents 177 males and 166 females.

Figures for previous Years back to 1945 may be seen upon reference to the details contained in Table III.

Of the 343 deaths assigned to Sittingbourne during 1969, a total of 127 occurred in Milton Hospital, but only 39 of these were actually persons previously resident in the Urban District.

The average age of death was 70.6 being 68.3 for males and 73.1 for females. The oldest death was a female aged 96 years. The average age of death during 1968 was 70.0, being 67.3 for males and 72.7 for females.

The following Table shows the age groups in which the Deaths occurred.

TABLE I

Sex	Under 1 Year	1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75 and Over
Males ...	5	1	1	4	1	-	12	31	50	72
Females ...	3	1	-	3	2	4	3	19	28	103
Totals	8	2	1	7	3	4	15	50	78	175

(b) Death Rate

The crude death rate for 1969 was 11.1 per 1,000 of the population, as compared with 13.2 per 1,000 in the preceding Year. The figures for previous Years back to 1945 are included in Table III.

The corrected death rate is 10.8 per 1,000 as compared with 11.9 per 1,000 for England and Wales as a whole.

(c) The causes of Death classified by the Registrar-General are set out in Table II below:-

TABLE II

Cause	Males	Females	Total
Enteritis and other Diarrhoeal Diseases	-	1	1
Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	-	1	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Oesophagus	1	-	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	6	4	10
Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	3	7	10
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	17	-	17
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	-	2	2
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	-	3	3
Malignant Neoplasm, Prostate	1	-	1
Leukaemia	2	1	3
Other Malignant Neoplasms	8	3	11
Diabetes Mellitus	2	3	5
Other Endocrine etc. Diseases	1	1	2
Anaemias	2	1	3
Meningitis	-	1	1
Other Diseases of Nervous System, etc.	2	-	2
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	1	1	2
Hypertensive Disease	3	5	8
Ischaemic Heart Disease	47	46	93
Other Forms of Heart Disease	11	15	26
Cerebrovascular Disease	16	41	57
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	6	4	10
Influenza	1	2	3
Pneumonia	15	11	26
Bronchitis and Emphysema	12	2	14
Asthma	-	2	2
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	5	1	6
Peptic Ulcer	1	2	3
Appendicitis	1	-	1
Other Diseases of Digestive System	2	-	2
Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System	1	-	1
Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System	-	1	1
Congenital Anomalies	1	2	
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, etc.	1	1	2
Symptoms and Ill-Defined Conditions	2	-	2
Motor Vehicle Accidents	5	1	6
All Other Accidents	-	1	1
All Other External Causes	1	-	1
All Causes	177	166	343

(d) The following Table gives details of deaths, births and infantile mortality for the period 1945 to 1969 inclusive.

TABLE III

Year	Population	Deaths		Births					Infant Mortality			
		Number of Deaths at all Ages	Crude Death Rate per 1,000 of the Population	Legitimate	Illegitimate	Total	Crude Birth Rate per 1,000 of the Population	Still-Births	Legitimate	Illegitimate	Total	Deaths of Infants under 1 Year of Age per 1,000 Births
1945	19,140	236	12.3	350	34	384	20.0	11	12	3	15	39.0
1946	21,040	230	10.9	419	31	450	21.3	12	13	1	14	31.1
1947	21,560	248	11.5	509	23	532	24.4	15	17	-	17	31.9
1948	22,240	228	10.2	385	12	397	17.8	7	8	-	8	20.1
1949	22,150	271	12.2	355	19	374	16.8	7	15	-	15	37.4
1950	22,340	228	10.2	328	15	343	15.3	7	8	-	8	20.1
1951	21,920	265	12.0	332	15	347	15.8	8	14	-	14	40.3
1952	21,940	244	11.1	331	15	346	15.7	8	9	-	9	26.0
1953	21,930	433	19.7	340	17	357	16.2	6	16	-	16	44.8
1954	21,940	318	14.4	298	18	316	14.4	7	4	-	4	12.6
1955	21,970	347	15.7	327	16	343	15.6	4	4	-	4	11.6
1956	22,060	397	17.9	316	16	332	15.0	7	8	1	9	27.1
1957	22,260	398	17.8	362	19	381	17.1	11	11	-	11	28.8
1958	22,470	336	14.9	367	12	379	16.8	6	2	-	2	5.2
1959	22,700	282	12.4	374	21	395	17.4	7	7	-	7	17.7
1960	22,870	293	12.8	335	15	350	15.3	7	6	-	6	17.1
1961	23,630	315	13.3	379	24	403	17.0	9	13	2	15	37.2
1962	24,270	322	13.2	405	18	423	17.4	11	7	1	8	18.8
1963	24,700	322	13.0	455	22	477	19.3	7	3	-	3	6.2
1964	25,480	337	13.2	477	25	502	19.7	2	11	-	11	21.9
1965	26,470	333	12.5	511	26	537	20.2	6	9	1	10	18.6
1966	27,310	348	12.7	540	30	570	20.8	12	3	2	5	8.7
1967	28,470	307	10.8	522	25	547	19.2	8	11	-	11	20.1
1968	29,910	396	13.2	585	33	618	20.7	7	8	2	10	16.1
1969	30,820	343	11.1	615	25	640	20.8	5	8	-	8	13.0

3. Infantile Mortality

(a) Eight deaths of Infants under one Year of age were recorded during the Year under review, as compared with 10 deaths in 1968.

The infant mortality rate for the Year was 13.0 per thousand live births. The rate for 1968 was 16.1 per thousand. The rates for previous Years may be seen upon reference to Table III.

The infant mortality rate for England and Wales as a whole was 18.0 per thousand live births.

Of the 8 deaths recorded, 5 were infants under four weeks of age, resulting in a Neo-Natal mortality rate of 8.0 per thousand live births as compared with that for England and Wales as a whole of 12.0 per thousand live births.

The Perinatal Mortality Rate was 16.0 per thousand total live and still-births.

The Maternal Mortality was - Nil.

(b) The detailed causes of death among infants during 1969 were as follows:-

TABLE IV

Cause	Sex	Age at Death	Place of Birth	Place of Death
Gross-Congenital Abnormalities ...	F	15 minutes	Hospital	Hospital
Extreme Prematurity (26 weeks) - Respiratory Distress	M	7 hours	Hospital	Hospital
Respiratory Distress Synd. - Prematurity	F	1 day	Hospital	Hospital
Metabolic Acidosis - ? Renal Hypoplasia	M	2 days	Hospital	Hospital
Congenital Heart Disease (Transposition of great vessels) - Attempted surgical correction - Cardiac Arrest	M	3 days	Hospital	Hospital
Asphyxia due to Drowning	F	2 months	Home	Hospital
Acute Bronchitis	M	2 months	Hospital	Hospital
Acute Bronchiolitis	M	5 months	Home	Home

SECTION III

INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

THEIR PREVALENCE AND CONTROL

1. Notifiable Diseases - Incidence

During the Year, the Department received 51 notifications of cases of notifiable diseases, as occurring in the Urban District. The figures for previous Years are detailed in Table VIII.

The incidence of these notified cases in each Quarter of the Year was as follows:-

1st Quarter - 21; 2nd Quarter - 18; 3rd Quarter - 9; 4th Quarter - 3.

The main cause of notification was Measles, there being 45 cases occurring.

Regarding the cases of Measles notified, 40 were Children under School Age and 5 were School Children.

4 cases of Scarlet Fever were notified, as compared with 14 cases in the previous Year and 15 cases in 1967. These 4 cases were all School Children.

The single case of Meningococcal Meningitis notified during the Year was a Child (Male) aged 10 weeks. This Child was admitted to Hospital.

No cases of Food Poisoning or Whooping Cough were notified during the Year.

Details of the single case of Pulmonary Tuberculosis notified are shown in Tables VI and IX.

(a) The total number of cases occurring, number of cases admitted to Hospital and the total Deaths from each disease, as shown in the Registrar General's classification of Deaths, age shown in the following Table:-

TABLE V

Disease	No. of Cases	Admissions to Hospital or Sanitorium	Deaths
Scarlet Fever	4 (14)	- (-)	- (-) *
Measles	45 (262)	- (-)	- (-)
Whooping Cough	- (6)	- (-)	- (-)
Tuberculosis			
Pulmonary	1 (7)	1 (6)	- (-)
Non-Pulmonary	- (1)	- (-)	- (-)
Food Poisoning	- (1)	- (1)	- (-)
Infective Jaundice ...	- (1)	- (1)	- (-)
Meningococcal Meningitis .	1 (-)	1 (-)	- (-)
Totals	51 (292)	2 (8)	- (-)

Footnote:- * Figures in brackets relate to the preceding Year.

(b) The distribution by age group of the cases notified is shown in Table VI thus:-

TABLE VI

Disease	Under 1 Year	1 - 3	3 - 5	5 - 10	10 - 15	15 - 25	25 - 35	35 - 45	45 - 60	60 and Over	Totals
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Measles	-	17	16	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	45
Meningococcal Meningitis	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Tuberculosis - Pulmonary	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Totals	1	17	16	16	-	-	-	-	-	1	51

(c) The monthly incidence of Notifiable Infectious Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) in the Urban District during 1969, is shown in the following Table VII:-

TABLE VII

Disease	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Totals
Scarlet Fever	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	4
Measles	19	-	-	-	14	3	4	3	1	-	1	-	45
Meningococcal Meningitis	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Totals	20	-	1	-	15	3	4	3	1	1	2	-	50

(d) Table VIII shows the number of cases of Infectious Disease notified each Year during the past twelve Years.

TABLE VIII

Disease	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969
Smallpox	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever ...	42	101	60	23	13	12	8	38	39	15	14	4
Measles	52	175	167	688	23	54	1134	64	590	279	262	45
Whooping Cough ...	28	1	50	12	3	6	18	3	7	5	6	-
Food Poisoning ...	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	8	-	1	1	-
Dysentery	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
Erysipelas ...	5	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Typhoid and Para-Typhoid Fever ...	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Puerperal Fever) Puerperal Pyrexia)	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
Poliomyelitis ...	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Encephalitis .. Lethargica ...	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis ...	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Meningococcal Meningitis ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Malaria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-
Infective Jaundice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-

2. Tuberculosis

One new case of Pulmonary Tuberculosis was notified during the Year.

The age group in which this new case occurred is shown in Table IX below.

Table X gives a summary of cases on the Tuberculosis Register during the Year under review.

TABLE IX

Age Groups of New Cases of Tuberculosis Notified during 1969

Age Group	Type	Total	Male	Female
Under 1 Year	-	-	-	-
1 Year	-	-	-	-
2 - 4	-	-	-	-
5 - 9	-	-	-	-
10 - 14	-	-	-	-
15 - 19	-	-	-	-
20 - 24	-	-	-	-
25 - 34	-	-	-	-
35 - 44	-	-	-	-
45 - 54	-	-	-	-
55 - 64	Pulmonary	1	-	1
65 - 74	-	-	-	-
75 and Over	-	-	-	-
Age Unknown	-	-	-	-
	Totals	1	-	1

TABLE X

Summary of Tuberculosis Register

Details	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	Total
On Register on 1st January, 1969 ...	193	15	208
Add:- Notified as 'New' Cases ...	1	-	1
	194	15	209
Deduct:- Number of Cases Recovered..	1	-	1
Balance Remaining on Register on 31st December, 1969	193	15	208

I am again indebted to Dr. N.F. Crofts, the Chest Physician at the Chest Clinic, Keycol Hospital, for the following information regarding Tuberculosis Patients in the Urban District.

One new case was notified during the Year. This case was admitted to Keycol Hospital.

It will be noted from Table X that a total of 208 cases remained on the Register at 31st December, 1969.

During the Year, Patients and Contacts from the Urban District attended the Chest Clinic at Keycol Hospital, as follows:-

Number of Attendances made by Patients	...	...	696 (889) *
Number of Attendances made by Contacts	...	...	699 (681)

The number of X-Ray Films taken at the Chest Clinic during the Year was 931 as compared with 832 Films in the previous Year.

A unit of the Mass Radiography Service of the South-East Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board, from Oakwood Hospital, Maidstone, visited Sittingbourne College of Education in May and 95 Films were taken.

The Sittingbourne, Milton and District Care Committee for Tuberculosis and Chest Diseases has continued to carry out much good work during the Year, when assistance was given in 34 Cases by the provision of Bedding, Clothing, Fuel and Heating, Payment of Fares for visiting Patients in Hospital, Christmas Extras and Holidays. The sum of £263 was expended in covering these so very necessary requirements.

8 new Cases were referred to the Committee during the Year, through the Chest Clinic at Keycol Hospital - 4 of these suffering from Tuberculosis and 4 from other Chest and Heart Diseases. At the end of the Year there were 31 Cases on the Committee's Current Register - 5 of these being non-Tuberculous.

The following Table XI gives details of Notifications received, Deaths and the Death Rate per 10,000 of the Population, for both Pulmonary and Non-Pulmonary cases, during the period from 1940 to 1969 inclusive.

Footnote:- * Figures in brackets relate to the preceding Year.

TABLE XI

Year	Number of Primary Notifications Received		Deaths		Death Rate per 10,000 of Population	
	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary
1940	11	1	11	1	5.3	0.4
1941	9	3	7	1	3.5	0.5
1942	15	4	8	-	4.0	-
1943	9	4	8	3	4.2	1.5
1944	14	3	7	1	3.7	0.5
1945	22	2	7	1	3.0	0.5
1946	14	2	9	1	4.0	0.4
1947	19	5	6	2	2.8	0.9
1948	19	6	8	1	3.5	0.4
1949	20	4	10	2	4.5	0.9
1950	18	6	1	1	0.4	0.4
1951	15	2	3	-	1.3	-
1952	17	1	3	1	1.3	0.4
1953	16	-	4	-	1.8	-
1954	19	3	-	1	-	0.4
1955	19	1	2	-	0.9	-
1956	15	-	3	1	1.3	0.4
1957	27	-	-	-	-	-
1958	17	1	5	-	2.2	-
1959	4	1	-	1	-	0.4
1960	8	1	-	-	-	-
1961	9	3	-	-	-	-
1962	9	2	1	-	0.4	-
1963	13	-	1	-	0.4	-
1964	2	1	-	-	-	-
1965	7	1	-	-	-	-
1966	6	-	-	-	-	-
1967	7	-	1	-	0.3	-
1968	7	1	-	-	-	-
1969	1	-	-	-	-	-

3. Venereal Diseases

I am indebted to Dr. C.D. Routh, Director and Medical Officer in charge of the Special Clinic in Rochester, for the following information regarding cases and number of attendances from this Urban District during the Year.

Disease	Males	Females	Totals
Syphilis	1 (-)	- (-)	1 (-)
Gonorrhoea	8 (4)	6 (1)	14 (5)
Other Conditions	19 (14)	10 (6)	29 (20)
Totals	28 (18)	16 (7)	44 (25)

The above refer to new Cases occurring during the Year.

The total number of attendances at this Clinic during the Year was - 151.

Details of new Cases and attendances in previous Years were as follows:-

Year	New Cases	Attendances	Year	New Cases	Attendances
1968	25	142	1959	15	66
1967	23	82	1958	17	205
1966	25	117	1957	19	250
1965	33	127	1956	25	220
1964	28	281	1955	16	279
1963	20	200	1954	23	319
1962	16	157	1953	11	262
1961	24	193	1952	7	191
1960	17	123	1951	13	208

Footnote:- * Figures in brackets relate to the preceding Year.

4. Vaccinations and Immunisations

The County Medical Officer (Dr. A. Elliott) has once again very kindly supplied the following details in connection with Immunisations and Vaccinations.

(a) Diphtheria/Whooping Cough/Tetanus

During the Year the following cases were protected:-

Year of Birth	Primary			Reinforcing		
	Triple	Diph./Tet.	Tetanus	Triple	Diph./Tet.	Tetanus
1969	71	-	-	3	-	-
1968	204	4	-	9	1	1
1967	13	-	-	244	42	1
1966	3	-	-	85	4	-
1965	-	-	1	11	19	-
1964	-	-	-	214	243	3
1962 - 1963	-	-	1	56	60	3
1953 - 1961	2	-	39	33	13	54
Totals	293	4	41	655	382	62

(b) Vaccination against Smallpox

Primary Vaccinations	198
Revaccinations	6

(c) Vaccination against Measles

During the Year the following cases were protected:-

Year of Birth	Number of cases Vaccinated
1969	1
1968	88
1967	160
1966	95
1965	78
1964	49
1962 - 1963	16
1953 - 1961	1
Total	488

(d) Vaccination against Poliomyelitis

During the Year the following cases were protected:-

Year of Birth	Primary	Reinforcing
1969	32	-
1968	311	-
1967	52	-
1966	16	-
1965	2	30
1964	-	406
1962 - 1963	-	123
1953 - 1961	-	5
Totals	413	564

5. International Certificates of Vaccination

During the Year, 452 International Certificates of Vaccination were presented to the Department by local people leaving the Country, for the Medical Officer of Health to authenticate the Signatures of the Doctors concerned. This figure compares with 454 in the previous Year.

SECTION IV

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

1. National Health Services

Local Authority Health Services under the National Health Service Act are provided and administered by the Kent County Council as the local Health Authority. These Services include the Care of Mothers and Young Children; the provision of Midwives; Health Visiting and Home Nursing; Vaccination and Immunisation; Prevention of Illness; Care and After-Care and Domestic Help Services.

Child Health, School Health and Dental Clinics are held at Sutton House, London Road, Sittingbourne (Tel. No: Sitt. 3313) and the District Office of the Kent County Council, including the Domestic Help Service, is in the new Kent County Council Divisional Offices, Remembrance Avenue, Sittingbourne (Tel. No: Sitt. 72436).

CLINICS HELD IN THE URBAN DISTRICT provided and administered by the Kent County Council under the National Health Service Act.

(a) At Sutton House, London Road, Sittingbourne (Tel. No: Sitt. 3313)

1. Child Health Clinics
   Tuesdays - 2 to 4 p.m.
   Advice and guidance available on problems concerning Children up to the age of five years. Doctors and Health Visitors in attendance.
2. Cytology Clinics
   1st Wednesday in each Month (by Appointment as required).
3. Minor Ailments Clinics
   1st and 3rd Monday in each Month - 3.45 to 4.30 p.m.
4. Dental Clinics
   Wednesdays - 9.30 a.m. (by Appointment - Tel. No: Sitt. 3314).
5. Ophthalmic Clinics
   Wednesdays - 9.30 a.m. (by Appointment).
6. Chiropody Clinics
   Monday and Wednesday - 9 a.m. (by Appointment).

(b) Child Health Clinics are also held in other parts of the Urban District as follows:-

1. At the Congregational Hall, Crown Road, Milton Regis
   1st, 3rd and 5th Thursday in each Month - from 2 to 4 p.m.
   Doctor and Health Visitor in attendance.
   (For the benefit of Mothers and Children residing in the Milton and Kemsley areas).
2. At the Village Hall, London Road, Bapchild
   2nd and 4th Friday in each Month - from 2 to 4 p.m.
   Doctor and Health Visitor in attendance.
   (For the benefit of Mothers and Children residing in Bapchild and the eastern end of the Canterbury Road Estate).

3. At the Old Welfare Hall, Church Road, Murston
Wednesdays - from 2 to 4 p.m.
Doctor and Health Visitor in attendance.
(For the benefit of Mothers and Children residing in the Murston and Canterbury Road areas)

(c) Other Clinics

1. The Health and Welfare Department of the Kent County Council has arranged for Clinics for the taking of Cervical Smears to be held at Sutton House. Forms for appointments at these Clinics can be obtained from the Child Health Clinics at Sutton House; from the Health Department, Council Offices, Central Avenue, Sittingbourne, or from a person's own Doctor.

2. The Relaxation and Mothercraft Classes for Expectant Mothers are now held in the Town Hall, Central Avenue, Sittingbourne, each Thursday from 9.15 a.m. until 11.15 a.m.

3. A Family Planning Clinic was opened at Sutton House on Thursday, 4th September, 1969. These Clinics will be held each Thursday from 6.30 p.m. until 8 p.m. Family Planning Clinics are also held at Minster Hospital (Tel. No: Sheppey 2116) and at Cambridge House, 4 Mansion Row, Brompton, Gillingham (Tel. No: Medway 43759).

(d) Vaccinations and Immunisations

Vaccinations and Immunisations are given, with Doctor's consent, at all Child Health Clinics, as follows:-

At 6 months, 8 months and 14 months - Triple injections against Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Tetanus. 'Booster' Triple injections at 5 years.

At 6 months, 8 months and 14 months - and again at 5 years - Protection against Poliomyelitis, by Oral Vaccine.

At 1 and 5 years - Vaccination against Smallpox.
From 1 to 7 years - Vaccination against Measles.

Other persons seeking protection against Poliomyelitis, should make arrangements through their own Doctor.

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The Health Visitors (Kent County Council Staff) at Sutton House, cover the Urban District of Sittingbourne and Milton. These Health Visitors have also been seconded to various groups of Doctors in the area.

Mental Welfare is provided by the Regional Hospital Board for patients from the Urban District, at 13 South Road, Faversham. The Sessions for the Clinics are held on Thursdays at 5 p.m.

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A School for Handicapped Children is held at the Bobbing Training Centre, Village Hall, Bobbing.

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2. Hospitals and Nursing Homes

(i) Hospitals

There are two Hospitals in the Urban District, as follows:-

(a) Memorial Hospital, Bell Road, Sittingbourne (Tel. No: Sitt. 72019).

The Visiting Hours at this Hospital are:-

Sunday	-	2.30 p.m. until 3.30 p.m.
Monday	-	7.30 p.m. until 8 p.m.
Tuesday	-	7.30 p.m. until 8 p.m.
Wednesday	-	2.30 p.m. until 3.30 p.m.
Thursday	-	7.30 p.m. until 8 p.m.
Friday	-	7.30 p.m. until 8 p.m.
Saturday	-	2.30 p.m. until 3.30 p.m.

Children are admitted during Visiting Period on Saturdays and Sundays.

(b) Milton Hospital, North Street, Milton Regis (Tel. No: Sitt. 3168).

This Hospital provides facilities for the Infirm and Chronic Sick and also has a separate Residential Section for Aged People at Court Regis, North Street, Milton Regis (Tel. No: Sitt. 3485).

Cases of Infectious Disease other than Tuberculosis are admitted to Joyce Green Hospital, Dartford (Tel. No: Dartford 23231).

Patients suffering from Tuberculosis are admitted for treatment at Keycol Hospital, Keycol Hill, Nr. Sittingbourne (Tel. No: Newington 222). This Hospital is situated on the main London Road, just outside the Urban District boundary. At this Hospital there is also a Chest Clinic (Tel. No: Newington 387) at which out-patients suffering from Tuberculosis and other associated Chest complaints attend for X-Ray and periodic examinations by the Consultant Chest Physician.

(ii) Nursing Homes

There are no Registered Nursing Homes situate within the Urban District.

3. School Health Services

I am indebted to the Principal School Medical Officer (Dr. A. Elliott) for again kindly providing the following summary, of the return on School Health Services for the Year 1969, for the Area comprising the Boroughs of Faversham and Queenborough-in-Sheppey, the Urban District of Sittingbourne and Milton and the Rural District of Swale.

(a) Routine School Medical Inspections

Number of Pupils Inspected	2,230
Physical Condition of Pupils Inspected:-	
Satisfactory	2,185
Unsatisfactory	45

(In addition, 1,188 children received tests of vision and hearing only)

(b) Special Inspections

Number of Pupils Inspected	341
Number of Pupils Re-Inspected	796
Number of Pupils found to require treatment	761

(c) Treatment of Pupils

(i) Minor Ailments

Skin Disease	-
Eye Defects	1
Ear Defects	3
Minor Injuries, Bruises, Sores, etc.	5

(ii) Defective Vision and Squint

Errors of Refraction (including Squint)	861
Other Defects or Diseases of the Eye	1
Number of Pupils for whom Spectacles were prescribed	363

(d) Dental Inspection and Treatment

Number Inspected by Dental Officers	3,361
Number found requiring treatment	2,215
Number actually treated	2,165
Number of attendances for treatment	7,668
Half-Days devoted to:	
A. Periodic (School Inspections)	9
B. Treatment	1,207
Number of Teeth Filled	3,943
Number of Teeth Extracted	1,521
Administration of general anaesthetics for extraction ..	800
Other Operations (Permanent and Temporary Teeth) ...	1,601

(e) Infestation with Vermin

Number of Examinations of Pupils in Schools by the School Nurses or other Authorised Persons	10,622
Number of Individual Pupils found to be infested ...	94
Number of Individual Pupils in respect of whom cleansing notices were issued (Section 54(2), Education Act, 1944)	18

4. National Assistance Act, 1948 (Section 47)
National Assistance (Amendment) Act, 1951

The Department was called upon to deal with one case during the Year.

This case was a Widow, aged 85 years, and living alone. This lady had for a long time been a worry to the Department and to her General Practitioner. Her circumstances were such that on the 1st May, 1969 it was found necessary for action to be taken and a Magistrates' Order was obtained under the Act for her compulsory removal to suitable hospital accommodation.

5. Old People's Welfare

County Councillor Mrs. J.Noble has again very kindly given me the following information concerning the activities of the Old People's Welfare Committee, of which she is Chairman, during the Year under review. This is the 18th Year the Committee has been in existence.

There has again been increased demands by the Senior Citizens upon all the various Services available in the Urban District.

The Night Sitting Service covered well over 100 calls and it is now found that the Service will be unable to function properly in the future unless more Helpers are available.

The Meals-on-Wheels Service has continued providing approx. 50 Meals, twice a week, to House-Bound and Old People. This Service is working to capacity and we are so very grateful for the continued support of Mrs.Ashbee, her Team of Helpers, and the Firms who have prepared these Meals.

The Visiting Service has continued to run smoothly under the organisation of Mrs. Newman. There are nearly 100 Helpers in this Service who regularly visit throughout the Urban District. At Easter 3,000 Eggs were distributed. Extra good fare was also distributed during the Christmas festive season.

We are very grateful to Colonel and Mrs. D.Dean for once again allowing a Garden Party to be held at their home for the benefit of the House-Bound. There was also a Garden Party held at "Westdene" and a Coffee Morning held at the Town Hall.

The Day Centre at Wesley Hall has continued to operate most successfully, the numbers having increased since this Service commenced in April, 1969. Over 30 meals being served each Monday. We are indebted to our Helpers, particularly Mrs. Sampson, Mrs. Gouge, Mrs. Dive, Mrs. Bolton and Mrs. Williams. We are also grateful for the invaluable help received from Mr.A.Leslie and the Reverend H.Williams, and especially the hard work of organisation put in by our Secretary, Mrs. A.Bishop.

There are still three Old People's Clubs in the District, which continue to provide much benefit for the Old Folk. The Old People's accommodation at the Urban District Council Warden's Schemes, at Churchill House and Johnson House is continuing to provide a most useful and necessary purpose, and helping to fulfill urgent local need. The Kent County Council Residential Home at Court Regis continues to operate to full capacity.

We are most grateful for the interest shown in our activities by both Boys and Girls of Local Schools, who have helped considerably with the needs of the Old Folk during the past year.

I am sincerely thankful for the continued support of all the Members and appointed Honorary Officers of the Welfare Committee, especially Mrs. A.Bishop, Mrs. B.Bishop and Mr. N.Bowen for carrying on their duties of Organising Secretary, Treasurer and Auditor respectively.

I also wish to record my most grateful thanks to the numerous people who have given their assistance so willingly, and in so many ways, in order that the work could continue to run so satisfactorily during yet another Year.

SECTION V

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

1. Water Supply

All the dwellings (10,001) within the Urban District are supplied from the public water mains of the Medway Water Board.

The supply has, during the Year under review, been adequate both in quality and quantity.

Thirty-two samples of water (15 from the public supply and 17 from private supplies) were submitted for bacteriological examination. The results received from the Public Health Laboratory indicated that these samples were satisfactory.

2. Drainage and Sewerage

During the Year, extensions of the Council's sewerage system were carried out to serve new housing development within the Area.

Plans have been settled for the next stage of the extension of the Sewage Works. These improvements include the trunk sewer from Milton to the Sewage Works; the Storm-water tanks; Humus tanks; new Pumphouse and Pumps and Filtration Plant. The cost of these improvements will be over £350,000 and the work is due to commence during August, 1970.

The annual treatment against Rodents in the Council's sewerage system was carried out during the period from 28th April to 20th May, 1969. The poison Warfarin was again used. The results indicated that there was very little infestation and the position could generally be considered as satisfactory.

3. Scavenging

The administration of the Council's refuse collection and disposal service is under the control of the Engineer and Surveyor.

Disposal of refuse is by controlled tipping at the Council's site at Milton.

4. School Sanitation

The facilities provided are invariably maintained in a satisfactory manner.

Kitchen hygiene continues to be satisfactory.

5. Public Conveniences

In spite of continued malicious damage, the conveniences have been maintained in a reasonable manner.

Complaints received during the Year have invariably been due to misuse of the conveniences by some members of the Public.

A new block of conveniences in Central Avenue was opened in December, 1969.

6. Swimming Baths

(a) Public Swimming Baths

16 samples of water were submitted for bacteriological examination. The reports received from the Public Health Laboratory indicated that satisfactory standards of purity were maintained.

The total number of bathers using the pool during the Year was 85,393, compared with 78,769 in 1968.

(b) School Swimming Baths

8 samples of water taken from the small open-air swimming baths at two Schools situated in the Urban District, were submitted for bacteriological examination.

The results indicated that the water at each School was maintained in a generally satisfactory condition.

7. Mortuary Accommodation

The Mortuary facilities used by the Council accommodated 28 bodies during the Year.

The arrangements continued to prove satisfactory.

8. Service of Notices requiring the Execution of Works or the Abatement of Nuisances

(a) Informal Notices served	-	54
(b) Statutory Notices served	-	19
(c) Informal Notices complied with	-	185
(d) Statutory Notices complied with	-	33
(e) Informal Notices outstanding	-	51
(f) Statutory Notices outstanding	-	10
(g) Notices dealt with in default of compliance with Statutory Notices	-	10

9. Visits made by the Public Health Inspectors

The number of visits paid by the Public Health Inspectors during the Year is shown in Appendix "D".

10. Complaints

During the Year, a total of 128 complaints were received from tenants of non-Council Houses and 23 from tenants of Council Houses, in connection with alleged unsatisfactory conditions.

These complaints were investigated and appropriate action was taken to remedy the conditions found.

SECTION VI

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

1. Milk Supply

The Milk (Special Designation) Regulations, 1960

Under the provisions of the above-named Regulations, this Authority is responsible for registering all Retailers within the Urban District as Distributors of Milk. The number of Retailers registered is - 63.

The Kent County Council is the Authority responsible for the issue of Licences for the Sale of designated Milks and these Licences are valid for five years from the date of issue.

Examination of Milk Supplies

(i) 55 samples of Milk were submitted for bacteriological or other prescribed examination to the Public Health Laboratory, Maidstone. The bulk of the supply is in the hands of two or three main suppliers and it seems unnecessary to duplicate samples from different purveyors obtaining their supplies from the same source.

(ii) The following Table shows details of the results obtained:-

TABLE XIII

Designation	Number of Samples	Result		Not Tested
		Satisfactory	Un-Satisfactory	
T.T./Pasteurised ...	2 (-)	2 (-)	- (-)	- (-) *
Pasteurised ...	45 (49)	44 (47)	1 (2)	- (-)
Sterilised ...	8 (15)	6 (15)	- (-)	2 (-)
Total	55 (64)	52 (62)	1 (2)	2 (-)

(iii) The sample of Pasteurised Milk which was unsatisfactory, failed the methylene blue reductase test.

(iv) Information was received from the Public Health Laboratory that samples of Sterilised Milk would not be tested as from the 1st June, 1969. This is the reason why 2 samples shown in the above Table, although submitted to the Laboratory for examination, were not tested.

Footnote:- * Figures in brackets relate to the preceding Year.

2. Meat

One private slaughterhouse was licensed for the use of Butchers in the Town and 192 visits were paid to this slaughterhouse during the Year.

The number of animals presented for slaughter was 1,029 as compared with 1,339 in the previous Year.

The small amount of meat condemned in the slaughterhouse (502 lbs.) was dyed green and disposed of under guarantee to a firm of bi-product manufacturers.

The Department's transport collects foodstuffs condemned in Food Shops and this is disposed of under suitable safeguards at the Council's Tip.

Details of foodstuffs, of all types, condemned during the Year are shown in Appendix "C".

Table XIV shows the details of the animals slaughtered and inspected, together with the numbers affected with disease.

TABLE XIV

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses	Total
Number killed ... ... (if known)	322	3	3	400	301	-	1,029
Number Inspected ...	322	3	3	400	301	-	1,029
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci							
Whole car ses condemned	-	-	-	-	2	-	2
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	10	-	-	-	57	-	67
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci... ...	3.1	-	-	-	19.6	-	6.7 (2.4) *
Tuberculosis Only							
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cysticercosis							
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and Totally condemned ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

3. The Disease of Animals (Waste Foods) Order, 1957

2 persons were licensed under this Order as at 31st December, 1969.

Routine visits were made during the Year to ensure that compliance with the conditions imposed by the Order were being observed.

4. Other Foodstuffs Examined

The details of foodstuffs of all types condemned during the Year are shown in Appendix "C".

32 complaints relating to the presence of foreign bodies, or other contamination, in food were made during the Year.

The foreign bodies or other contamination complained of were:-

(a) Foreign body in Bottle of Milk (6 Cases).
(b) Glass in Bottle of Milk (2 Cases).
(c) Foreign body in Loaf of Bread (3 Cases).
(d) Foreign body in Bread Roll.
(e) Mould in Loaf of Bread.
(f) Foreign body in tin of Corned Beef.
(g) Mould in Sausage Rolls.
(h) Mould in Sausages.
(i) Foreign body in Sausages.
(j) Mould in Cornish Pasties.
(k) Condition of Beef Slices.
(l) Condition of Steak and Kidney Pie.
(m) Foreign body in Steak and Kidney Pie.
(n) Mould in packet of Currants.
(o) Foreign body in Fruit.
(p) Foreign body in Confectionery (2 Cases).
(q) Maggots in Nut Cake.
(r) Maggots in Packeted Cheese.
(s) Condition of Malted Drink.
(t) Foreign body in Jar of Mincemeat.
(u) Piece of String in Biscuit.
(v) Weevils in packet of Soup Powder.
(w) Fly in Beef Curry.

11 cases were passed to the Weights and Measures Department of the Kent County Council, and it is understood that in all cases written cautions were issued to the Firms concerned.

A great deal of help and co-operation was received from the County Analyst and from the British Museum during the Year, to assist with the identification of foreign matter and insects.

5. Shellfish

Vendors of Shellfish were visited and conditions found were satisfactory.

No case of illness attributable to Shellfish was notified during the Year.

6. Fish Frying

8 fish frying establishments are in operation in the Urban District.

32 visits of inspection were made during the Year.

The standard of hygiene continues to be satisfactory.

7. Ice Cream

The number of premises registered for the manufacture, storage or sale of Ice Cream are:-

Sale and Storage of Ice Cream	93	(80) *
Storage of Ice Cream	2	(2)
Manufacture of Ice Cream	1	(1)

Ten samples of Ice Cream were submitted for examination by the Provisional Modified Methylene Blue Reductase Test.

The results of the samples examined were as follows:-

	1969	1968
Grade I	10 (100%)	13 (100%)
Grade II	- (-)	- (-)
Grade III	- (-)	- (-)
Grade IV	- (-)	- (-)

The majority of Ice Cream sold in the Urban District is produced by National Manufacturers and invariably is sold pre-packed. No difficulty has been experienced in the supervision of this Trade during the Year.

Footnote:- * Figures in brackets relate to the preceding Year.

8. Bakehouses

8 bakehouses are registered and in operation in the Area.

160 visits of inspection were made during the Year.

9. Restaurants

The number of restaurant kitchens (including Works Canteens and School Kitchens) in the Area is - 47.

158 visits were made to these premises during the Year and 5 informal notices were served regarding matters of a minor nature which were found during such inspections. The matters complained of were remedied during the Year.

10. Public Houses

The number of Public Houses in the Area is - 44.

48 visits of inspection were made during the Year and 1 informal notice was served as a result of these inspections. The work required in this notice has since been carried out to the satisfaction of the Department.

11. Food Preparing Premises

25 premises are registered for the manufacture of sausages and preserved foods.

199 visits of inspection were made to these premises during the Year. As a result of these inspections, 2 informal notices were served. Most of the work required has since been carried out.

12. General Hygiene in Food Premises

The standard of food hygiene in the food premises in the Town has, on the whole, continued at a reasonably high level. Obviously some premises have reached an excellent standard, whilst others fall somewhat below the highest standard. Nevertheless every effort is made by the Council's Officers when visiting food premises to encourage and advise food handlers how to achieve and maintain the highest standards.

The relationship between the Food Trade in general and the Department is good. Many Traders take the opportunity of seeking advice, not only when difficulties arise but also before making alterations to premises and equipment.

13. Details of Inspection

These details are shown in Appendix "D".

14. The Number and Type of Food Premises in the Area

These details are shown in Appendix "F".

15. Samples taken by the Food and Drugs Authority

I am indebted to Mr. J. Stokoe, Chief Inspector, Weights and Measures Department of the Kent County Council, for once again very kindly supplying details of samples of food taken by the County Sampling Officers in the Urban District of Sittingbourne and Milton during 1969, under the Food and Drugs Act, 1955.

This information is detailed overleaf.

Details of Samples taken by the County Sampling Officer within the Urban District of Sittingbourne and Milton During the Year ended 31st December, 1969

Details of Samples Taken	Number of Samples Taken	Satis-factory	Unsatis-factory
Milk	20	16	4
Butter, Margarine, Lard, Cooking Fats, Cheese (including processed Cheese)	2	1	1
Tinned Meats, Meat, Fish, Fish and Meat Pastes	13	10	3
Sugar, Sugar Confectionery, Flour Confectionery, Chocolate products, Cereals	10	5	5
Tea, Coffee, Cocoa, Beverages, Minerals, Cordials	11	9	2
Jams, Preserves, Honey, Jellies ..	2	1	1
Dried Fruit, Raw Fruit, Vegetables, Tinned Fruit and Vegetables ...	1	-	1
Pickles, Sauces, Vinegar, Condiments	12	9	3
Drugs, Medicines	10	8	2
Beer, Wines, Spirits	9	8	1
Totals	90	67	23

Unsatisfactory Samples:-

Homogenised Milk (2 samples)

Milk sour. Retailer cautioned.

Beef Chipolata Sausages

Affected by mould. Retailer cautioned.

Bread

Affected by pink mould. Manufacturer advised.

Milk

Contained fragments of broken glass. Bottlers advised.

Cheese

Contained maggots. Retailer cautioned.

Mustard Preparation

Deficient in mustard oil. Follow-up sample satisfactory.

Oil of Spike Lavender (2 samples)

Oil content below standard. Manufacturer advised.

Cornish Pasty

Contained a piece of loosely woven string. Manufacturer cautioned.

Fresh Cream Cherry Danish Pastry

Contained a bee. Manufacturer cautioned.

Milk

Bottle contaminated with mould, tea leaves and milk skin. Dairy cautioned.

Meat Pie

Contained piece of animal hide. Manufacturer cautioned.

Pork Sausages

Below standard in meat. Follow-up sample satisfactory.

Gin

Slightly below proof strength. Follow-up samples satisfactory.

Cheese Roll

Contained a wood screw. Manufacturer cautioned.

Lemon and Pepper Seasoning

Wrongly labelled. Manufacturer agreed to amend labels.

Cheese Roll

F. Bourne & Son Limited, 40 Berkeley Square, London, W.1. on the 11th August, 1969, at the Sittingbourne Magistrates' Court, were found guilty of selling a cheese roll containing a small piece of iron. Fined £25 with £27. 7s. 0d. costs.

Shandy (2 samples)

Below recommended proof strength. Manufacturer undertaken to improve formula.

Ground Nutmegs

Below standard in volatile oil. Manufacturer advised.

Mincemeat

Contained a slug. Manufacturer cautioned.

Chips

Contained a cigarette end and sweet. Retailer cautioned.

SECTION VII

DISINFECTION, DISINFESTATION AND RODENT CONTROL

1. Disinfection

(i) Disinfection of rooms in dwelling houses was continued to be carried out during the Year in cases of infectious disease, when required.

(ii) All Library Books found at premises where a case of notifiable disease has occurred have been disinfected by formaldehyde before being returned to circulation.

(iii) In the case of necessity, steam disinfection facilities are available in the Medway Towns. Unfortunately at the time of writing this report these facilities are no longer available and, in fact, the nearest steam disinfector appears to be at Dartford.

2. Disinfestation

(i) The following tables indicate the work carried out during the Year:-

(a) Bed Bugs

	Infestations	
	Premises	Rooms
Council Houses	- (4)	- (8) *
Other Houses	- (3)	- (10)
Totals	- (7)	- (18)

(b) Fleas

Council Houses	- (5)	- (29)
Other Houses	2 (8)	12 (31)
Other Premises	1 (-)	1 (-)
Totals	3 (13)	13 (60)

Footnote:- * Figures in brackets relate to the preceding Year.

(c) Other Insect Pests
(Ants, Beetles and Flies, etc.)

	Infestations	
	Premises	Rooms
Council Houses	8 (8)	8 (11) *
Other Houses	22 (8)	27 (14)
Other Premises	1 (6)	6 (16)
Totals	31 (22)	41 (41)

(ii) Other disinfestations carried out during the Year were as follows:-

(a) The Swimming Baths were disinfested on 2 occasions on account of Cockroaches.

(b) The outside walls of 3 Non-Council Houses were disinfested on account of Beetles.

(c) The outside walls of 5 Council Houses and 6 Non-Council Houses were disinfested on account of Ants.

(d) The outside walls of 6 Council Houses were disinfested on account of Red Mite.

(e) The outside walls of 1 Council House were disinfested on account of Flies.

(f) A treatment was carried out at the Kent County Council Old People's Home at Court Regis, Milton, on account of Cockroaches.

(g) Treatments were carried out (on 3 occasions) at Churchill House, the Council's Old People's Warden's Scheme in Murston, on account of Red Mite and Ants.

(h) 19 rooms of Council Houses and 24 rooms of Non-Council Houses were disinfested on account of Cat Fleas.

Footnote:- * Figures in brackets relate to the preceding Year.

(iii) In addition, 86 Wasps' and 9 Bees' Nests were treated and destroyed.

(iv) The main insecticides used during the Year were 5% D.D.T. in Kerosene and Gammexane.

(v) The number of visits made during the Year by the Department's Operator in connection with disinfection and disinfestation was 355 as compared with 230 visits in 1968.

3. Rodent Control

(i) The Council employ one part-time Rodent Operator.

(ii) Table XV gives details of the work carried out during the Year.

(iii) The number of visits made during the Year was 1,797 (including routine survey visits) as against 1,711 visits in the previous Year.

(iv) In addition to the above, the usual maintenance treatment of the Council's sewerage system was carried out during the Year.

TABLE XV

Details	Type of Property			
	Non-Agricultural		Agricultural	
1. Number of Properties in District	10,480	(10,338)	60	(60) *
2. (a) Total Number of Properties (including nearby premises) inspected following Notification	372	(333)	20	(12)
(b) Number Infested by (i) Rats	203	(208)	17	(7)
(ii) Mice	168	(139)	16	(7)
3. (a) Total number of Properties inspected for Rats and/or Mice for reasons other than Notification	39	(53)	6	(13)
(b) Number infested by (i) Rats	10	(12)	2	(1)
(ii) Mice	1	(6)	2	(2)

Footnote:- * Figures in brackets relate to the preceding Year.

SECTION VIII

HOUSING

1. Inspections

The number and character of inspections carried out during the Year in connection with housing is as follows:-

(a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected during the Year for housing defects	307	(443) *
(b) Number of dwelling houses which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidation Regulations	93	(27)
(c) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	10	(12)
(d) Number of houses found defective in some essential particular	54	(88)
(e) Remedy of defects during the Year without service of formal notice	185	(52)
(f) Reinspection of houses	791	(878)
(g) Action under the Statutory Powers during the Year		
(i) Proceedings under Section 9 of the Housing Act, 1957	-	(-)
(ii) Proceedings under Public Health Act	19	(16)
(iii) Proceedings under Section 16 of the Housing Act, 1957	10	(12)

Footnote:- * Figures in brackets relate to the preceding Year.

(iv) Action under Section 42 of the Housing Act, 1957:-

No. of Areas represented as unfit	No. of Dwellings in the Area	No. of Dwellings demolished during the Year
- (-)	- (-)	24 (9) -

2. Provision of Houses

I am indebted to Mr. A.W. Lloyd, Engineer and Surveyor, for kindly supplying the following information in connection with the number of houses built each Year since the end of the War:-

TABLE XVI

Year	Council Houses Temporary	Council Houses Permanent	Police & Fireman Houses	Private Enterprise	War destroyed Houses re-built	Total
1946	ø 50	33	-	2	-	85
1947	-	57	-	5	-	62
1948	-	44	-	3	2	49
1949	-	70	-	3	8	81
1950	-	72	-	7	8	87
1951	-	82	-	8	4	94
1952	-	140	2	2	-	144
1953	-	118	-	3	-	121
1954	-	200	11	34	-	245
1955	-	94	6	13	-	113
1956	-	82	-	52	-	134
1957	-	72	-	128	-	200
1958	-	57	1	98	-	156
1959	-	78	-	80	-	158
1960	-	72	-	118	-	190
1961	-	43	-	128	-	171
1962	-	51	-	191	-	242
1963	-	52	-	268	-	320
1964	-	78	10	382	-	470
1965	-	70	-	266	-	336
1966	-	106	-	270	-	376
1967	-	4	4	475	-	483
1968	-	64	-	330	-	394
1969	-	15	-	158	-	173
Totals	50	1,754	34	3,024	22	4,884

Footnote:- * Figures in brackets relate to the preceding Year.

ø The demolition of these temporary Council Houses (Pre-Fabs) was finally completed in 1966.

In addition, the following accommodation for Old People has been provided in the Urban District:-

(a) An Old People's Warden's Scheme at Churchill House, Portland Avenue, Murston, was opened in 1966, when accommodation for 29 Old People in single bed-sitters, plus the Warden's Flat, was provided and occupied.

(b) An Old People's Warden's Scheme at Johnson House, Burley Road, Sittingbourne, was opened in 1968, when accommodation for 29 Old People in both single and double bed-sitters, plus the Warden's Flat, was provided and occupied.

3. Repair and Maintenance of Houses

(a) Difficulty continues to be met by Owners of rented accommodation in being able to find jobbing builders prepared to carry out repair work.

There seems to be a shortage of suitable labour for this class of work. As a result, the Officers of the Department have to spend a disproportionate amount of effort to secure repairs to houses.

(b) Rent Act, 1957

No applications (Form 'I') were received during the Year in connection with Certificates of Disrepair.

The following information details the position regarding applications received since the Act came into force on 6th July, 1957, together with the action taken:-

1.	Total number of applications for Certificates of Disrepair ...	65
2.	Total number of Notices (Form 'J') issued by Local Authority to Landlord of proposal to issue a Certificate of Disrepair ...	62
3.	Total number of decisions by Local Authority not to issue Certificate of Disrepair	3
4.	Total number of Undertakings (Form 'K') given by Landlord to remedy defects proposed to be included in Certificate of Disrepair	41
5.	Undertakings (Form 'K') not given by Landlord but defects remedied in accordance with requirements of Forms 'J' issued by Local Authority	6
6.	Total number of Certificates of Disrepair (Form 'L') issued ...	16
7.	Applications by Landlords to Local Authority for Cancellation of Certificates of Disrepair	5
8.	Total number of Notices (Form 'RC2') issued by Local Authority to Landlord of Cancellation of Certificates of Disrepair ...	5

(c) Discretionary Improvement Grants -
Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1958
(as amended by the House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959, Housing Act, 1961, Housing Act, 1964 and Housing Act, 1969)

During the Year, 39 applications for Grants in connection with Discretionary Improvement Schemes, were submitted to the Council. These were all approved.

The total cost of the works involved in these approved applications amounted to £26,047. 8s. 2d. and the total of the Grants allowed was £12,771.

There were 26 Completion Certificates issued during the Year and 9 of these were in respect of applications received during the Year 1968.

Since the Act came into force, the Council has received and approved 398 applications. Of these, 352 were completed by 31st December, 1969. In addition, 11 applications have been cancelled at the applicants' request.

(d) Standard Improvement Grants -
House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959
(as amended by the Housing Act, 1961, Housing Act, 1964 and Housing Act, 1969)

During the Year, 18 applications for Grants in connection with Standard Improvement Schemes, were submitted to the Council. All of these were approved.

There were 15 Completion Certificates issued during the Year and 7 of these were in respect of applications received and approved during 1968.

Since the Act came into force, the Council has received and approved 181 applications and 164 of these were completed by 31st December, 1969. In addition, 4 applications have been cancelled at the applicants' request.

The total cost of the works involved in the 164 completed applications amounted to £32,434 and the total of the Grants allowed was £15,029.

(e) Special Grants -
Housing Act, 1969

A new kind of assistance, for the provision of basic amenities for the overall benefit of houses in multiple occupation, payable at the discretion of the Local Authority, was introduced during the Year under the above-named Act.

No applications were received during the Year.

(f) Details in connection with Improvement Grants, both Discretionary and Standard, are shown in Tables XVII and XVIII.

(g) Housing Acts, 1957 and 1964
Improvements to Council Houses

Under the provisions of these Acts, a total of 202 Council Houses had been improved and modernised up to the 31st December, 1969.

(h) Progress of Five-Year's Slum Clearance Programme

During the Year, 10 unfit houses were dealt with by way of Undertakings, Closing or Demolition Orders. The Eastbourne Street Area comprising 68 houses was represented in January, 1970.

A Summary of Houses dealt with in Slum Clearance Programmes during the Period from 1945 to 1969 inclusive is shown in Appendix "H".

(i) Rehousing - Removal Expenses

In connection with the Council's Slum Clearance Programme, 5 cases upon being rehoused applied for their removal expenses to be paid by the Council.

Under the Authority of Council Minute No. 507(5) dated October, 1959, these applications were paid by the Council.

TABLE XVIII

DISCRETIONARY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

Year	Number of Improvement Schemes Submitted and Approved	Number of Completion Certificates Issued	Number of Approved Schemes Cancelled at Applicants' Request	Total Cost of Approved Applications	Total Amount of Grant
				£	£
1955	25	8	2	4,888	2,436
1956	19	24	2	5,856	2,919
1957	29	24	-	10,118	4,947
1958	15	21	-	5,326	2,654
1959	32	24	-	13,128	6,563
1960	40	29	2	18,106	9,035
1961	24	30	1	13,511	6,745
1962	24	27	2	11,429	5,702
1963	27	22	1	14,185	7,077
1964	29	32	-	15,315	7,637
1965	27	9	-	15,841	7,911
1966	17	27	-	11,236	5,610
1967	26	23	-	16,587	8,288
1968	25	26	1	18,072	8,502
1969	39	26	-	26,047	12,771
Totals	398	352	11	199,645	98,797

TABLE XVIII

STANDARD IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

Year	Number of Improvement Schemes Submitted and Approved	Number of Completion Certificates Issued	Number of Approved Schemes Cancelled at Applicants' Request
1959	4	2	-
1960	16	12	-
1961	10	10	-
1962	15	11	2
1963	14	19	-
1964	27	20	1
1965	16	13	-
1966	22	20	-
1967	17	21	-
1968	22	21	-
1969	18	15	1
Totals	181	164	4

4. Rehousing

I am indebted to Mr. B. King, Housing Officer, for supplying me with the following information regarding rehousing in the Urban District during the Year.

It was found possible to provide housing accommodation fof 149 families as follows:-

(a) 28 families rehoused in pre-war Council Houses (33) *
(b) 112 families rehoused in post-war Council Houses and Flats (170)
(c) 9 families rehoused in privately owned Houses by arrangement with Owners' consent (11)

5. Housing Applications

The Housing Officer has also very kindly supplied the following information regarding Housing Applications.

(a) The following Table shows the details of the number of applicants in the various categories on the Council's Housing List at 31st December, 1969:-

TABLE XIX

1.	Number of Applicants on 'Live List'	521	(497) *
2.	Number of 'Late Applications'	153	(130)
	Total Number of Applicants	674	(627)

(b) Table XX shows the various classes into which the applicants on the 'Live List' fall:-

TABLE XX

		No.	%
1.	Applicants who are tenants of houses within the Urban District	278	(53.3)
2.	Applicants living in rooms as sub-tenants or lodgers within the Urban District	113	(21.6)
3.	Applicants for Old Persons' Dwellings	130	(24.9)
	Total	521	

Footnote:- * Figures in brackets relate to the preceding Year.

SECTION IX

THE OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

(a) Registration and Inspection

The total number of premises on the Register at 31st December, 1969, was 302. This figure compared with 290 at the end of the previous Year.

Registrations were cancelled during the Year, and Table I below details the classification of the premises concerned, together with the reasons for cancellation.

29 general inspections were carried out during the Year, which compared with 23 in the previous Year, 22 in 1967 and 220 in 1966.

The number of visits of all kinds by Inspectors to Registered Premises during the Year was 175. This figure compared with 194 in the previous Year, 241 in 1967 and 599 in 1966.

TABLE I

Reason	Offices	Shops	Catering Establish. open to Public	Wholesale Depots and Warehouses	Fuel Storage Depots	Totals
Change of Ownership ...	1	5	-	-	-	6
Change of Type of Business ...	1	-	-	-	-	1
Premises Vacated ...	1	-	1	-	-	2
Premises Demolished ...	1	-	-	-	-	1
Totals	4	5	1	-	-	10

(b) Operation of the General Provisions of the Act

Of the Premises receiving a general inspection during the Year, in 10 cases only (34.4%) did the Premises comply with the requirements of the Act.

Notifications were sent to the responsible persons in respect of the 19 (65.5%) Premises which revealed contraventions of the Act.

Table II sets out the types of contraventions found upon inspection.

TABLE II

Defects Found	Offices	Shops	Catering Establish. open to Public	Wholesale Depots and Warehouses	Fuel Storage Depots	Totals
Absence of Thermometer	1	5	-	1	-	7
Absence of First Aid Kit	3	7	-	-	-	10
Abstract of Act not displayed	4	9	-	1	-	14
Absence of Artificial Lighting in Water Closet	-	3	-	-	-	3
Absence of Toilet Roll Holders in Water Closet	-	1	-	-	-	1
Absence of Intervening Ventilated Space in Water Closet ...	-	1	-	-	-	1
Water Closet Compartment is inaccessible ...	-	1	-	-	-	1
Absence of Wash-Hand Basin	1	-	-	-	-	1
Absence of Hot and Cold Water Supply to Wash-Hand Basin ...	1	-	-	-	-	1
Absence of Hot Water Supply to Wash-Hand Basin	3	4	-	-	-	7
Absence of suitable means of Ventilation	1	1	-	-	-	2
Absence of suitable means of Heating ...	-	2	-	1	-	3
Absence of suitable Handrail to Stairs ..	1	-	-	-	-	1
Defective Stair Treads	1	-	-	-	-	1
Totals	16	34	-	3	-	53

(c) Accidents

Notifications (Forms OSR.11) were received in respect of 7 accidents, all of which occurred in Shops registered under the Act.

3 of the accidents occurred in a Departmental House Furnishers; 1 accident occurred in a Baker's Shop; 1 accident occurred in a Provision Merchant's Shop; 1 accident occurred in a Butcher's Shop and 1 accident occurred in a Multiple Store.

2 of the notified accidents were investigated.

Details of all these accidents were as follows:-

(i) A Female, aged 18 years, whilst standing on a stool to reach for cleaning materials, slipped and fell, badly spraining her right ankle.

This case was investigated and a letter was sent to the Firm in question recommending that the stool should be removed immediately from the Shop premises and a more suitable step-ladder be provided for the use of Employees, in order to prevent a recurrence of a similar accident. This was done.

(ii) A Female, aged 49 years, was standing at the top of four stairs, connecting one Showroom to another and, in moving forward to serve a Customer in the lower Showroom, tripped and fell down the stairs. There was no defect in the carpet and this person admitted it was an accident caused by the heel of her shoe (stiletto type) being caught in the fitted carpet. Advice was given with regard to suitable footwear.

(iii) A Female, aged 48 years, was cleaning a dining room suite when she knocked against the edge of a table, causing a bruise on her thigh. No action was taken in this case.

(iv) A Male, aged 46 years, in the process of stacking various materials fell back against some wooden shelving whilst on a pair of steps, which resulted in the bruising of his ribs.

(v) A Male, aged 53 years, slipped on the tiled floor in the preparation room of a Butcher's Shop, causing a suspected strain of the left shoulder. From the Department's knowledge of the premises it was considered that there was no need for further action to be taken.

(vi) A Male, aged 42 years, was handling rolls of linoleum after delivery when a roll of linoleum, which had not been positioned within the rope guard provided, fell on him causing laceration of the ankle of one leg. It was noted at the time of investigation that shorter rolls of linoleum ranged around the opposite wall were not protected in any way, and the Firm were advised to ensure adequate protective measures be taken in respect of these shorter rolls. This has been done.

(vii) A Female, aged 20 years, whilst unpacking a case of tinned fruit in a Provision Merchant's Shop, dropped a can on her left foot causing bruising of the ankle.

(d) Prosecutions

It was found unnecessary for the Council to take any action by way of prosecution during the Year.

(e) Annual Report (OSR.14)

The Annual Report (OSR.14) giving details of types of Premises Registered, General Inspection, Visits, Persons Employed, Exemptions, Prosecutions, etc., is attached hereto.

SECTION X

MISCELLANEOUS

1. National Assistance Act, 1948 (Section 50)
National Assistance (Amendment) Act, 1951

The Department was called upon to deal with 4 Cases during the Year.

Information was later received from relatives of 2 of these Cases that they wished to make their own arrangements for the interment of the Deceased and, in a third Case, the relative was informed that due to the terms of the Act the Council was unable to make a contribution to the expenses incurred.

In the fourth Case, application was made in respect of the interment of a Male, aged 65 years, by his Wife for assistance in meeting the expenses of the funeral. The Wife being unable to meet such expenses. In the circumstances, this Case was accepted under the Act and the necessary arrangements were made for the interment of this Man. A Death Grant was obtained in this Case.

2. Air Pollution

Complaints continued to be received concerning the smell of sulphuretted hydrogen which, on occasion, emanates from an industrial lagoon as well as from the mud in Milton Creek.

The firm operating the lagoon, although investigations and research have continued, has so far been unable to prevent the smell from the lagoon causing annoyance to residents in parts of the Town. The long standing "Creek" smell still, on occasion, is only too obviously present. It seems that until the River Authority manage to enforce higher standards concerning discharges into the Creek, the "Creek" smell will continue to pervade parts of the Town for some time to come.

3. The Noise Abatement Act, 1960

3 complaints were received during the Year.

All the complaints, which arose from industrial premises, were investigated. In one case the complaint was not substantiated. In another case the source of complaint, viz. use of heavy earth-moving equipment, ceased. In the third case the firm ceased to use the premises and moved to other premises in another area.

4. Scrap Metal Dealers Act, 1964

This Act came into effect on the 1st April, 1965.

The Certificates of Registration are valid for a period of three years from the date of Registration.

9 Certificates of Registration were issued in the Urban District during 1968 and these current Certificates are due for renewal during 1971.

5. The Riding Establishments Act, 1964

There are no Riding Establishments licenced under this Act situate within the Urban District.

6. Home Safety

The Home Safety Committee met on 2 occasions during the Year.

There was a considerable increase in the number of Home Accidents occurring during the Year, as compared with the figures for 1968. The main causes of Accidents were Cuts, Falls, Burns, Scalds and Poisoning.

The Leaflet "Fireworks and the Shopkeeper" issued by the Home Office was distributed to all Shops in the Urban District. Posters were also distributed warning Local Residents as to the proper way Fireworks should be handled.

A further campaign was carried out during the Year in connection with the return of unused Drugs and Medicines to Local Chemists. It is understood that there was a good response to this appeal.

The Fire Brigade continued with their survey of fire checks in Private Houses and approx. 50 Houses were visited each month. As a result it was found that most fires were being caused by negligence on the part of the Householder or bad workmanship.

Fire Brigade personnel gave suitable advice in connection with various items of electrical wiring and appliances and also stressed the fact that all doors should be closed when the occupants of the house retired for the night. This would stop draught and be of considerable assistance in containing the spread of fire.

APPENDIX "A"

RAINFALL

Recorded at Highsted Waterworks

Month	Rainfall (inches) 1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969
January ...	1.30	2.45	2.26	1.97	2.06	3.15
February ...	1.86	0.61	3.98	2.15	2.93	2.14
March ...	2.72	2.04	0.65	2.49	1.27	2.32
April ...	3.41	1.87	2.81	3.28	2.36	0.66
May ...	1.55	1.39	1.44	2.97	2.22	2.55
June ...	4.86	2.79	2.03	2.50	1.65	1.51
July ...	0.65	1.90	5.53	1.34	2.51	5.04
August ...	1.20	2.64	2.05	2.17	4.46	3.05
September ...	0.45	6.95	0.89	3.28	7.82	0.74
October ...	2.02	0.40	6.45	3.91	3.23	0.13
November ...	2.05	2.71	2.85	2.88	2.10	5.34
December ...	2.32	4.43	3.35	2.04	2.65	2.48
Total Rainfall	24.39	30.18	34.29	30.98	35.26	29.11

APPENDIX "B"

TEMPERATURES

Recorded at Johnson House Gardens

Month	Maximum 1966	Maximum 1967	Maximum 1968	Maximum 1969	Minimum 1966	Minimum 1967	Minimum 1968	Minimum 1969
January ...	52°	56°	60°	60°	8°	24°	16°	30°
February ...	56°	53°	53°	54°	31°	24°	25°	18°
March ...	57°	62°	72°	58°	28°	30°	30°	24°
April ...	68°	68°	78°	72°	30°	28°	26°	25°
May	75°	73°	74°	87°	38°	28°	34°	39°
June	81°	81°	82°	84°	47°	41°	42°	41°
July	82°	85°	94°	94°	40°	50°	94°	46°
August ...	80°	82°	83°	95°	40°	46°	42°	47°
September ...	76°	76°	78°	87°	40°	40°	39°	38°
October ...	67°	70°	72°	76°	35°	32°	41°	36°
November ...	56°	61°	68°	69°	29°	24°	25°	26°
December ...	48°	55°	53°	57°	24°	18°	18°	27°

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APPENDIX "B"

TEMPERATURES

Recorded at Johnson House Gardens

Month	Minimum 1968
July	44°

APPENDIX "C"

DETAILS OF FOODSTUFFS OF ALL TYPES CONDEMNED DURING 1969

	Lbs.	Lbs.
(a) Condemned at Slaughterhouse:-		
Carcase of a Pig - Pathological Emaciation with Multiple Abscesses ...	150	
Carcase of a Pig - Septic Pleurisy	30	
2 Pigs' Hindquarters - Abscesses	70	
Edible Offal	252	502
(b) Condemned in Shops:-		
Meat ... ... ;..	2,003½	
Miscellaneous Foodstuffs (including Canned Milk, Meat, Fruit, Vegetables, Fish, Jams, etc.) ...	4,443½	
Frozen Foods (Defrosted)	2,230	8,677
(c) Condemned in Warehouse:-		
Tomato Puree (Tinned)	360,956	
Stuffed Olives	290	361,246
Total Lbs.		370,425

TOTAL = 165 Tons. 7 Cwts. 1 Qr. 13 Lbs.

(52 Tons. 18 Cwts. 0 Qrs. 16¾ Lbs.) *

Footnote:- * Figures in brackets relate to the preceding Year.

APPENDIX "D"

DETAILS OF INSPECTION

Details	Inspections	
Number of Houses -		
Inspected (Complaints or Nuisances)	307	
Reinspected (Complaints or Nuisances)	791	
Inspected (Housing Acts)	109	
Reinspected (Housing Acts)	60	
Inspected (Rent Acts)	7	
Inspected (Overcrowding)	5	
Inspected (Multiple Occupation)	11	
Inspected (Improvement Grants)	171	
Inspected (Housing Tenancies)	149	
Inspected (Housing Circumstances)	12	1,622
Inspections -		
Food Premises	176	
Food Vehicles	13	
Restaurants, Cafes, etc.	107	
Factory Canteens	41	
School Canteens	10	
Food Manufacturing Premises	118	
Public Houses	48	
Slaughterhouse	2	
Slaughterhouse (Meat Inspection)	192	
Butchers' Shops	81	
Fried Fish Shops	32	
Dairies and Milk Shops	6	
Ice Cream Premises	6	
Examination of Foodstuffs	113	945
General Visits and Inspections -		
Infectious Disease	11	
Contacts of Infectious Disease	14	
Verminous Premises	2	
Insect Pests	24	
Rodent Infestations	43	
Scrap Metal Act	3	
Shops Act	1	
Piggeries (Waste Food Order)	6	
Pet Shops	6	
Public Conveniences	9	
Tents, Vans, Sheds, etc.	11	
Animal Boarding Establishments	2	132
Total c/f		2,699

	Inspections	
Total b/f		2,699
Grovehurst Effluent	23	
Noise Abatement Act	3	
Tips	24	
Water Courses, Ditches, etc.	1	
Swimming Baths	6	
Clean Air Act (including smoke observations)	9	
Port Health	12	
Contractors and Owners Interviewed	342	
Office Interviews	1,345	
Food Complaints	32	
Miscellaneous Inspections and Visits	530	
Housing Removals - Old Age Pensioners	5	
Old People's Wardens Schemes	104	
Old People's Day Centre	40	
Paper Sacks Scheme	330	2,806
Food and Drugs and Other Sampling -		
Samples of Ice Cream	10	
Samples of Swimming Bath Water - Public	16	
- Schools	8	
Samples of Water obtained - Bacteriological Examination	32	
Samples of Milk obtained - Bacteriological Examination	55	
Miscellaneous Bacteriological Specimens	8	129
Factories -		
Factories with Mechanical Power	65	
Factories without Mechanical Power	7	
Inspection of Workplaces	11	
Visits to Outworkers	26	109
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963 -		
General Inspections	29	
Other Visits	146	175
Total		5,918
		(6,353) *

Footnote:- * Figures in brackets relate to the preceding Year.

APPENDIX "E"

NUISANCES AND DEFECTS REMEDIED DURING 1969

Houses		Totals
Accumulations removed	54	
Chimneys repaired	1	
Ceilings Repaired	15	
Dampness abated	25	
Damp-proof courses inserted	7	
Doors and Frames repaired	24	
Dustbins and Paper Sack Holders provided	333	
Floors renewed or repaired	5	
Grates or ovens repaired or renewed	1	
Miscellaneous repairs and nuisances abated	29	
Internal wall plaster repaired	12	
Roofs renewed or repaired	16	
Rainwater pipes or gutters renewed or repaired	16	
Staircases repaired	3	
Walls repaired, re-pointed, etc.	26	
Water taps or pipes repaired	2	
Window cords renewed	25	
Window sashes or frames renewed or repaired	17	
Yard paving renewed or repaired	2	613
Verminous Premises		
Number of Houses infested with Bugs or Fleas	3	
Bedding cleansed or destroyed	1	4
Drainage		
Drains tested, smoke	87	
Drains tested, water	61	
Drains re-laid	42	
Drains cleansed	33	
Gullies provided	15	
Inspection chambers provided	25	
Lavatory basins or sink waste pipes repaired	2	
New drains constructed	17	
Soil Pipes or Ventilation Shafts provided or repaired ...	10	292
Total c/f		909

Total b/f		909
Water Closets		
Flushing apparatus repaired or provided		3
Cesspools		
Number of cesspools abolished and houses connected to sewer ...	24	
Number of cesspools emptied	4	28
Food Shops, Kitchens and Manufacture of Preserved Foods		
Accumulations removed	3	
Cleanliness and decoration improved	10	
Dustbins provided	1	
Other repairs	12	
Storage of food arrangements improved	2	
Sinks and wash-hand basins provided	5	
Water supply (hot) provided	4	
Heating supplied	1	
Floor covering provided	1	39
Public Houses		
Floors renewed or repaired	1	
Miscellaneous repairs	1	2
Slaughterhouse		
Cleansing carried out	1	
Repairs carried out	2	3
Total		984
		(695) *

Footnote:- * Figures in brackets relate to the preceding Year.

APPENDIX "F"

LIST SHOWING NUMBER AND TYPE OF FOOD SHOPS IN THE AREA

	Type	Number
1.	Meat Shops (including Shops carrying out the preparation and/or manufacture of preserved foods)	25
2.	Restaurants and Dining Room Kitchens (including Works' Canteens and School Kitchens)	47
3.	Food Shops	88
4.	Factories handling Food	18
5.	Fried Fish Shops	8
6.	Ice Cream Retailers	93
7.	Milk - Distributors	63
	- Dairies	1
8.	Public Houses	44

APPENDIX "G"

Prescribed Particulars of the Administration
of the Factories Act, 1961

PART I OF THE ACT

1 - INSPECTIONS for purpose of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of Inspections (3)	Number of Written Notices (4)	Number of Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities ...	5	7	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authorities ...	132	65	1	-
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	12	11	-	-
Totals	149	83	1	-

2 - Cases in which DEFECTS were found:

Particulars (1)	Number of Cases in which defects were found: Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred to H.M. Inspector (4)	Referred by H.M. Inspector (5)	Number of Cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
Want of Cleanliness (S.1.)	1	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2.)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable Temperature (S.3.)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate Ventilation (S.4.)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6.)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences(S.7.):					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	1	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to out-work)	1	-	-	-	-
Totals	3	-	-	-	-

PART VIII OF THE ACT

OUTWORK

(SECTIONS 133 AND 134)

Nature of Work	Section 133			Section 134		
	No. of out-workers in August list required by Section 133	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices Served	Prosecutions
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Wearing Apparel - Making, etc.	19	-	-	-	-	-
Curtains and Furniture Hangings	1	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	20	-	-	-	-	-

APPENDIX "H"

Summary of Houses dealt with in Slum Clearance Programme during the Period from 1945 to 1969 (inclusive)

Year or Period	Houses dealt with in Clearance Areas	Individual Houses dealt with by Undertakings, Closing Orders, or Demolition Orders	Total Number of Houses dealt with	Number of Houses Demolished
1945 - 1952	5	15	20	20
1953 - 1957	96	138	234	169
1958 - 1962	74	180	254	281
1963	-	67	67	58
1964	23	49	72	65
1965	-	48	48	80
1966	16	38	54	25
1967	96	73	169	42
1968	-	12	12	87
1969	-	10	10	29
Totals	310	630	940	856

APPENDIX "I"

THE OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

Annual Report for 1969 (Form OSR.14)

Table A (Registrations and General Inspections)

Class of Premises	Number of Premises Registered during the Year	Total Number of Registered Premises at end of Year	Number of Registered Premises receiving a General Inspection during the Year
Offices	10	83	11
Retail Shops	16	205	17
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses	1	2	1
Catering Establishments open to the Public, Canteens	-	14	-
Fuel Storage Depots	-	3	-
Totals	27	307	29

Table B (Number of Visits of all kinds by Inspectors to Registered Premises)

Table C (Analysis of Persons Employed in Registered Premises by Workplace)

Class of Workplace	Number of Persons Employed
Offices	524
Retail Shops	1,146
Wholesale Departments, Warehouses	7
Catering Establishments open to the Public	75
Canteens	-
Fuel Storage Depots	34
Total	1,786

Total Males - 673 Total Females - 1,113

Table D (Exemptions)

	Class of Premises	Number of Exemptions		
		Current at End of Year	Newly Granted	Expired or Withdrawn
Part I - Space (Sec. 5(2))	-	-	-	-
Part II - Temperature (Sec. 6)	-	-	-	-
Part III - Sanitary Conveniences (Sec. 9)	Offices	-	-	-
	Retail Shops	2	-	-
Part IV - Washing Facilities (Sec. 10)	Offices	-	-	-
	Retail Shops	-	-	-

Table E (Prosecutions)

Prosecutions instituted of which the hearing was completed in the Year	=	None
Number of Persons or Companies Prosecuted	=	None
Number of Complaints (or summary applications) made under Section 22	=	None
Number of Interim Orders granted	=	None

Table F (Staff)

Number of Inspectors appointed under Section 52(1) or (5) of the Act	=	3
Number of other Staff employed for most of their time on work in connection with the Act	=	None